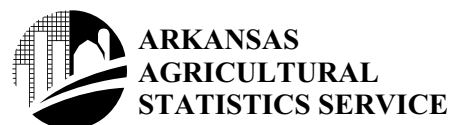


# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

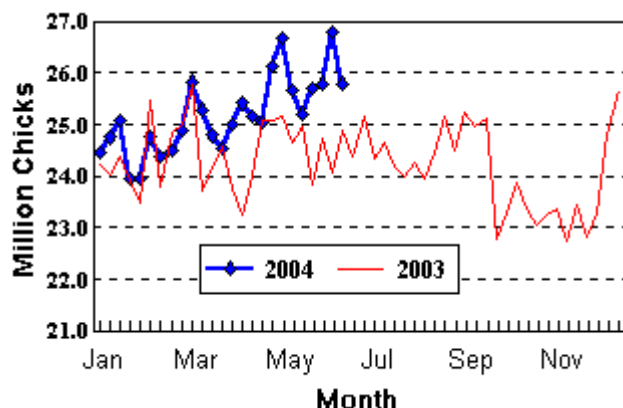
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.8 million during the week ending June 19, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 19, 2004 were 630.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.5 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.2 percent.

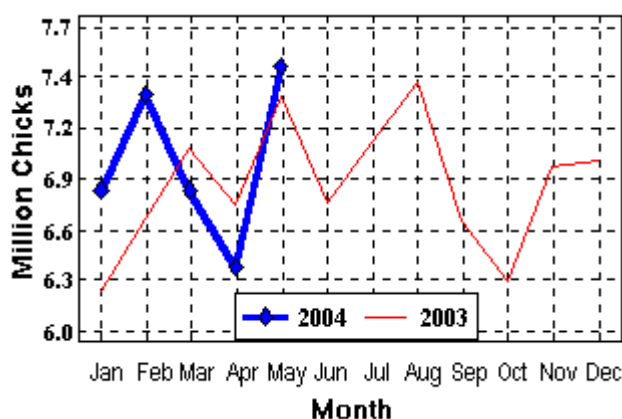
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 19, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.5 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2004, up 2 percent from May 2003.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
May 15	24,690	25,698	104
May 22	24,987	25,239	101
May 29	23,863	25,729	108
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104
Jun. 12	24,094	26,808	111
Jun. 19	24,892	25,831	104

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2002-2003	2003-2004	
	1,000		
Dec.	6,475	6,978	108
Jan.	6,269	6,811	109
Feb.	6,659	7,340	110
Mar.	7,038	6,815	97
Apr.	6,735	6,402	95
May	7,323	7,492	102

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun		15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	
Alabama	29,866 *	30,043	30,296	30,715	110	21,805	22,568	22,028	22,168	22,248	21,048	97
ARKANSAS	31,991	32,066	31,916	31,718	103	25,698	25,239	25,729	25,792	26,808 *	25,831	104
Delaware	3,935	3,832	3,844	3,923	106	4,511	5,286	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729	85
Florida	1,389	1,387	1,371	1,375	104	1,666	1,526	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645	95
Georgia	33,612 *	33,046	33,202	33,397	103	26,992	26,428	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919	103
Kentucky	7,177 *	7,291	7,145	6,987	108	6,094	5,728	5,805	5,918	6,047 *	6,244	109
Louisiana	3,890	3,891	3,892	3,892	100	3,744	3,813	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908	103
Maryland	9,007	8,989	9,012	8,996	94	6,439	4,937	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276	113
Mississippi	19,496	19,529	19,682	19,845	105	16,807	16,785	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538	105
N. Carolina	18,644 *	18,634	19,160	19,210	102	15,013	15,161	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162	102
Oklahoma	6,559	6,483	6,453	6,856	102	5,001	5,680	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268	104
Pennsylvania	3,263	3,638 *	3,954	3,947	102	2,874	2,765	2,838	2,760 *	2,616	2,294	85
S. Carolina	3,738	3,751	3,733	3,809	83	3,863	3,954	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439	103
Texas	15,343	15,093	15,193	15,191	102	12,760	12,868	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019	103
Virginia	6,747	6,688	6,768	6,763	102	5,609	5,731	5,264	5,292	5,420	5,386	93
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,098 *	17,864	17,715 *	17,626	106	15,674	15,920	15,491 *	16,985	17,293	16,224	99
Total 2004	212,755 *	212,225 *	213,336 *	214,250		174,550	174,389	174,161 *	176,881 *	178,265 *	174,930	
Total 2003	210,125	211,135	209,410	207,133		170,953	172,110	170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611	
%Prev. Year	101	101	102	103		102	101	102	102	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending June 19, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 19, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 19, 2004 were 4.29 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.